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1. The RIESA-CANITZ (N 53/E 81) airfield was not occupied by the Soviet Air Force. The landing field was partly cultivated and partly pasture land. The approach roads were in state of neglect. There was no spur track leading to the field.
2. The three-story former administration building was occupied by civilians. Local residents stated that the field had been used by the Soviet Air Force for only a short period after the German surrender. All cantonment buildings and installations had later been dismantled.
3. The RIESA-LEUTEWITZ (N 52/E 91) airfield was not occupied. The borders were no longer recognizable, the landing field being under cultivation or used as pasture. The railroad spur track and the airfield buildings no longer existed. The part of the landing field which was used as pasture could only be used for emergency landings.

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Comment:

The two airfields near RIESA were last reported in June and August 1948. The RIESA-CANITZ field was still serviceable at that time, but part of the RIESA-LEUTEWITZ landing field was under cultivation. The report indicates that no effort has been made to improve the condition of the fields and they were turned over for agricultural use. It is not to be expected that the fields will be used by any air units in the near future.

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